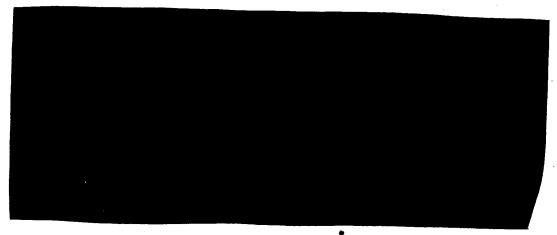
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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Pueblo Sitrep No. 12 (As of 1200 EST)

- l. In New Delhi today Soviet Premier Kosygin continued to play down the <u>Pueblo</u> incident. Delhi Radio reports that the Soviet premier is understood to have said that his government's policy is to defuse situations, and that the present incident is a case of violation of territorial waters and should be dealt with as such by the two parties. The broadcast reports that he said not too much importance should be attached to the matter.
- 2. Members of Kosygin's entourage have shown interest in planting similar thoughts with press correspondents. On one occasion a prominent Soviet news correspondent declined to comment but instead referred US reporters to a KGB officer attached to the Soviet Embassy in New Delhi. The KGB officer then volunteered the suggestion that the incident was "similar to a Soviet fishing vessel incident off American waters some months past."

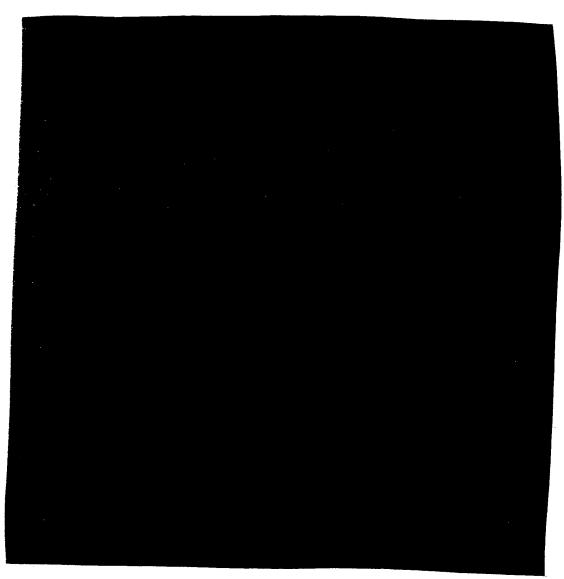


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8. Soviet Naval surveillance of the US task force in the Sea of Japan continued as of 0200 EST, with the intelligence collector Gidrolog five miles from the task group and the surface-to-surface missile-carrying destroyer No. 983 eight miles from the task group.

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